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Department of Health Services Children's Medical Services Network (CMS Net) - Information Bulletin #104

DME CODING AND REIMBURSEMENT UPDATES

The following information is a summary of the latest **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** coding and reimbursement updates issued by Medi-Cal. Only those items pertinent to CCS are included here. ** CCS Staff are directed to the Medi-Cal Allied Health Provider Manual for further information.

BiPap and BiPap -ST, (with back-up rate) can be either purchased or rented. Rental rate is listed (assigned); purchase price is by report.

Fully enclosed pediatric crib (with rails and top), hospital grade, now has HCPCS Code **E0300**. This does not include the Vail-type bed which remains authorized as an EPSDT-SS only a 'by report' item.

Humidifiers for oxygen delivery systems are included in both the rental and purchase codes of the system. If oxygen delivery system is being newly purchased or rented, the humidifier is not separately authorized. HCPCS Code **E0555**, Humidifier, glass or plastic, may be authorized as a replacement item only for previously purchased, patient owned oxygen equipment.

Nebulizer – A7005, administration set, non-disposable, is authorized only for purchase as a replacement item for previously purchased, patient owned nebulizer. This set is included in the rental rate if the nebulizer is being rented

Oxygen gaseous contents, regardless of amount purchased, requires authorization for CCS clients. The provider cannot bill EDS directly for a set quantity as they can for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Wheelchair and wheelchair accessories:

- **Pediatric wheelchairs** – now defined as those with a seat width of 15 inches or less. Over 15 inches in width is to be considered an adult chair.

Providers must use the applicable equipment codes which correspond to these definitions. I.e. they must use pediatric codes for equipment for a pediatric chair unless no such codes are available, and adult codes for equipment for an adult chair.

- **HCPCS Code E0973** (adjustable height, detachable arm-rest, each) has been added as a Medi-Cal benefit with noted reimbursement of \$97.72 for purchase. Two (2) may be authorized.
- **HCPCS Codes E1025, E1026, and E1027** (lateral thoracic support) may now be authorized for a quantity of two (2).
- **HCPCS Codes K0650 and K0669** (seat and back cushion) now have a listed reimbursement rate. Check current Medi-Cal Provider manual for rates.

Standing Frames, E0638 is now priced 'by report'.

Modifier – Y4, has been eliminated.

Wheelchair Ramps, which require alteration of real property are not a benefit of CCS or Medi-Cal. Portable ramps must be authorized with HCPCS Code **E1399**.

Gait trainers and Kaye-walkers, authorize using HCPCS Code **E1399**.

The following HCPCS codes/items, are a benefit for clients under the age of twenty-one (21) years with CCS authorization; even though they do not appear in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual:

A4606, Replacement probes for patient owned oximeter

E0445, Oximeter

E0454, Pressure support home ventilator (requires State approval)

E0481, Intrapulmonary percussive ventilation system and accessories

E0482, Cough stimulating device, in-ex sufflator

E0635, Patient lift, electric, with seat or sling (does not include ceiling track system, such as 'Voyager', which requires State approval)

CCS has clarified the following additional wheelchair coding information:

- **Wheels:** HCPCS code **K0070** may be used for wheel replacement only and cannot be used for new wheelchair purchases.
- **HCPCS code K0108** may be used for the following items when they are medically necessary:
 - **Seatbelts:** Those that provide greater than a two-point system (such as Body Point, etc.)
 - **Footrests:** Swing-away solid plate footrests
 - **Wheelchair trays:** Specialized non-standard wheelchair trays such as acrylic trays